SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

| In the Matter of the Application |) Application No. C-3725 |
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| of United States Cellular |) |
| Corporation, Chicago, Illinois, |) . |
| seeking designation as an |) PLANNING CONFERENCE ORDER |
| eligible telecommunications |) AND NOTICE OF HEARING |
| carrier pursuant to section |) |
| 214(e)(2) of the Communications |) |
| Act of 1934. |) |
| |) Entered: January 8, 2007 |

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

Method of Service

On November 21, 2006, United States Cellular Corporation (US Cellular) filed an application seeking designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) pursuant to section 214(e)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934. A Petition for Formal Intervention was timely filed by the Rural Independent Companies (RIC).

In order to process this filing, a planning conference was held in this matter on January 5, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. CST in the Commission Library, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. The following persons were present at the conference: for US Cellular, Steven G. Seglin of Crosby Guenzel LLP and participating via telephone, Brooks E. Harlow; for the RIC, James A. Overcash of Woods & Aitken LLP; Deonne Bruning of Deonne Bruning PC, and for the Commission, Nichole Underhill, staff attorney, and M. Gene Hand, Director of Communications.

As a result of the planning conference, several issues were decided. Therefore, this order serves to memorialize those decisions and to provide a timeline for the proceeding in this docket. Deadlines for various events were established and are set forth in Appendix A.

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Parties are encouraged to engage in negotiations; however, the conduct of negotiations does not relieve the parties of their obligation to meet filing deadlines.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the deadlines and requirements established in this order and attached hereto are hereby adopted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Commission in the above-captioned matter that a Hearing will be held on March 26, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. CST in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 8th day of January, 2007.

BY:

Frank E. Landis

HEARING OFFICER

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APPENDIX A

PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

| <u>DAY</u> | <u>DATE</u> | EVENT |
|------------|-------------|---|
| Monday | January 22 | Testimony of Applicant Filed |
| Monday | January 29 | Intervenor Discovery Requests Filed |
| Monday | February 12 | Applicant's Discovery Responses Filed |
| Wednesday | February 21 | Testimony (if any) of Intervenors/Staff Filed |
| Monday | February 26 | Applicant Discovery Requests (if any) Filed |
| Monday | March 12 | Intervenor Discovery Responses Filed |
| Friday | March 16 | Reply Testimony (if any) of Applicant Filed |
| Thursday | March 22 | All Exhibits for Hearing Filed |
| Monday | March 26 | Hearing |
| Monday | April 16 | Post Hearing Briefs Filed |
| Monday | April 23 | Post Hearing Reply Briefs Filed |